

THE OREGON STREAMER



The Oregon Airstream Club Newsletter

Focus on Board Of Directors



Judy Smith Treasurer

Judy Smith grew up in the city and didn't do any camping as a child. She met hubby Brian in college at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. Once they were married she was introduced to the concept when they were living in California. They began with a tent. They backpacked as well in California and also areas like Grand Canyon and Four Corners. Then they graduated to truck camping in a little yellow Toyota. And then it was on to a Coleman pop up trailer. After starting a family including 4 kids, 2 dogs and an au pair(not family), they continued to use the pop up for many years. 20 to be exact.

The Smiths lived in San Jose, California for about 15 years. It was there that Judy, who has a Bachelor and Masters degrees in Budgeting, Marketing and Business Analysis, began working in her fields of study with Parks and Rec. Once they moved to Portland, Oregon their future in camping changed. And Judy's experience in business and management would come in handy for her next financial

assignment.

In 2012 they found their way to Airstream. They bought a 23' 75th anniversary edition of a Safari from the Airstream dealer in Portland. A 2007 model which they fell in love with instantly. After several months they decided to attend an Airstream rally and started with the year-ender at Champoeg. There they met some soon- to- be friends and Judy was asked to consider being the club treasurer by Terri Warren. She accepted and has been responsible for the club's finances ever since.

Judy and Brian love to camp in the Priest Lake area of the Idaho panhandle at Osprey Campground. They spent many years camping at Champoeg after that first rally with their kids and pets in space A-11. Their kids rode bikes and played. They helped with the garden area in the Park. And they all had grass allergies which were pretty challenging. As time went on they co-hosted rallies at Maryhill. They will be co-hosts in 2021 at a rally in Sisters.

The Smiths are both planning to retire within the next 2 years or so. They plan to do a lot of traveling including a plan to visit “the Mother Ship” in Jackson Center, Ohio. Judy has some family in Ohio as well. They’d like to make a several month road trip ending in Nova Scotia. And be out crisscrossing the country. Whatever their futures hold, they can’t wait for the next adventure.

Membership Message



Susan Taylor, Membership
Chair

Hello Oregon Members. I hope this finds you safe from both sickness and fire. I know we all look forward to a normal camping environment again soon. We've had a lot of new members since the last newsletter and I'd like to extend a warm welcome to them all!

Bradley & Bridget Thompson - Lake Oswego OR
William & Patricia Herrington - Sagle ID
John and Lisa Schrock - Ridgefield WA
Matthew & Leslie Green - Vancouver WA
Brian & Bobby Canini - Keizer OR
Brent & Kat Pence (returning members) - Salem OR
Hergen Spalink & Kerri Bingham - Portland OR
Patrick & Odina Kolsch - Gig Harbor WA
Andrew & Jenny Taylor - Stevenson WA
Charles & Jennifer Turner - Portland OR
Alan Mossman - Astoria OR
William & Sara Cruze - Medford OR
Michael Pagnotta - Cave Junction OR
John & Karen Vanderwall-McMinnville OR

Rally News



**Terri Warren, Rally
Coordinator OAC**

I've been busy saving sites for our 2021 rallies. We don't know exactly what rallies will look like next year - whether we will share food, have potlucks, get closer than 6 feet, wear masks - we just don't know. But your board decided I should go ahead and save spots so however we camp next year, we'll have a place to go.

RV Sales since January have skyrocketed but there are few if any new camping spots. That means there will be tremendous competition for sites next year.

I booked for between 10-20 sites for most of the rallies, with the exception of the end of year rally which we are trying to schedule for Winchester Bay RV Park. We find that that number allows people to really spend some good time together. We've got some old standbys that everyone loves and we've got some brand new places,

too. This year, we will be sharing two rallies with other clubs - Washington Airstream club at the Wine Country RV Park in Prosser, WA and Idaho Airstream Club at the Narrows RV Park in eastern Oregon 26 miles from Burns. We've got two boondocking rallies planned. We'll be headed to Burns in April for the bird migration which is supposed to be spectacular. Elkamp comes very highly recommended - new owners, gorgeous spot east of Chehalis, fun store. Bend/Sisters

RV Park is also supposed to be wonderful, a sister to the Netarts Bay RV Park and Marina where we have rallied in the past. Friends Landing up in Washington was the site of the vintage rally this year and everyone loved it.

So I hope there is something for everyone in here. If we didn't include your favorite spot, let me know for next year. Registration will open in January so stay tuned!



2017 Campfire



2018 Potluck

Rally News

Park	Name	Date	Location	Host
Cannon Beach RV Park	Leak Test Rally	Jan 21-24	Cannon Beach, OR	
Timberlake RV Park	St. Patrick's Day Rally	Mar 16-19	Stephenson, WA	
Elkamp	Elkamp Rally	Mar 25-28	Mineral, WA	
Riverbend County Park	April Fool's Rally	April 2-4	Sweet Home, OR	Taylor
Burns RV Park	Bird Migration Rally	April 15-18	Burns, OR	
Maryhill State Park	Maryhill Rally	April 22-25	Goldendale, WA	Hendrix/Warren
Wine Country RV Park	Joint WA and OR club rally	April 29-May 2	Prosser, WA	
Casey's RV Park	Newbie Welcome Rally	May 4-7	Oakridge, OR	Simmrell
Anna Reserovir RV Park	Anna Rally	May 13-16	Summer Lake, OR	
Bend/Sisters RV Park	Sister's Rally	May 20-23	Sisters, OR	Rhonda/Judy
Sea and Sand RV Park	Sea and Sand Rally	Jun 1-4	Depoe Bay, OR	
Immigrant Lake	Theater Rally	June 7-14	Ashland, OR	Ware/Gleason
Umpqua River RV Park	River Rally	working on it	Sutherlin, OR	
Skamokawa Vista Park	Kayak Rally	Jun 24-27	Skamokawa, WA	
Friends Landing RV Park	Friend's Rally	Jul 8-11	Montesono, WA	
Elk Meadows RV Park	Elk Meadows Rally	Jul 15-18	Trout Lake, WA	Grow?
Remote RV Park	Remote Rally	Jul 22-25	Remote, OR	
Sutton USFS boondocking	Florence Boondocking Rally	Aug 2-5	Florence, OR	
Lamp Camp RV Park	Kite Festival	Aug 18-23	Long Beach, WA	Geese
Diamond Lake RV Park	Crater Lake Rally	Aug 26-29	Diamond Lake, OR	
Crane Prairie RV Park	Labor Day Rally	Sept 3-6	Deschutes Co., OR	
Casey's RV Park	Casey's Fall Rally	Sept 9-12	Oakridge, OR	
Pendleton City Park	Pendleton Round Up	Sept 13-19	Pendleton, OR	Stewart
Waldo Lake Federal Park	Boondocking Rally	working on it	Crescent, OR	Jordan
Narrows RV Park	Joint ID and OR club rally	Sept 30-Oct 3	Princeton, OR	Lawrence
Five Peaks RV Park	Wallowa Rally	Sept 27-29	Joseph, OR	Sorte
Winchester Bay RV Park	End of Year Rally	working on it	Winchester Bay, OR	Able
Pelton PGE Park	Pelton Rally	working on it	Madras, OR	Hendrix/Warren

Please Welcome One of Our New Members



Newcomers to the Oregon Airstream Club, **Gary and Karen Ferguson**, were involved with Airstreams for years before joining the group. Karen's grandparents, who are from Eugene, retired in 1964 and purchased a new 1964 Chrysler Imperial. They bought it to pull an Airstream which they decided to buy because of its excellent reputation for quality. They became members of the club in 1967 and in 1968 joined the caravan driving to Mexico City for the Summer Olympics.

Karen was 2 at the time. Within a few years she was making memories, along with her 2 older sisters, with the grandparents as they explored Oregon while camping. Waldo Lake was a favorite. There they hiked along the soft trail under tall trees around the lake. That wonderful Airstream was eventually sold

when her grandfather became ill. As time went on, the sisters have always wanted a chance to find that trailer and bring it back into the family.

The Ferguson family began their story with their 3 young sons by traveling to places like, Texas, Minnesota and Victoria with their tent. When Gary retired, they decided to buy a trailer to use for family trips. Gary thought 5th Wheel. Karen thought Airstream. They began looking...the classifieds and Craig's List. After about 6 months they found it in Battle Ground, Washington. A 2016. They were ready to do some glamping! After camping locally they made a first big trip in March of this year to the MLB Baseball Spring training in Scottsdale, AZ. Pre-Covid times.

Now they are looking forward to camping with their boys and with the Airstream community. Their Airstream proudly bears the number that was once on the the trailer belonging to the grandparents...16059. They are the Terpenings from Eugene and are well-known in the area. Where it all started. What was their original farm, at the busy intersection of River Rd and Beltline, is now a residential care facility, named Terpening Terrace. A fitting tribute to the family where the Airstream adventure began.

Anson Wright Memorial County Park with Brian and Judy Smith

We had plans to spend a week in Joseph with friends. As the trip approached, we decided to take two days to make the journey. Easier said than done! Along our usual route (84), everything was booked. So, we picked an alternate route that took us through Heppner where we found two potential parks that had spaces available. We reserved a spot at Anson Wright Park is few miles outside of Heppner off of route 207. Anson Wright is a Morrow County Park that can be easily reserved online. We reserved at the last minute and had no problem getting a site.

It took us about 4 hours to get there from Portland which ended up being a perfect halfway point. The drive was beautiful! Nice roads (mainly 206 and 207) and wonderful scenery. The sites are wooded and spacious, and the hillside sites (D loop) have pleasant wooded views. It is a small, rustic park that is quiet and peaceful. We weren't there long enough to enjoy it but there are supposed to be some good hiking trails nearby as well. It's also nice just to walk around the loop. It was a relaxing stopover, and we rerouted our trip back so we could stay there again.

If you choose to plan a stopover at Anson Wright, please note that there is no cell reception and Route 207 has some winding sections that may test your drawer latches.





Carol & John Dion

Pelton Park Gathering with Carol & John Dion
July was a perfect time to be at Pelton Park in central Oregon with a cadre of Airstreamers. While not like we had originally planned (but what is these days!), it was wonderful to renew old friendships and meet new friends. Hiking, swimming, boating, kayaking, fishing and relaxing were all part of the action, ending the day with a physical distance gathering outside with a favorite beverage. Respecting the terms of engagement as part of our new reality, while respecting that we all have different levels of comfort with those terms, and allowing for change as we move forward – our gathering at Pelton was successful, most of all...



The Joseph Branch Railriders Adventure with Judy Mitchell and Rhonda Levine

Right near downtown Joseph, Oregon is a special place that offers an opportunity to pedal your own rail car on commercially unused railroad tracks. The cars are very lightweight and ride easily along the tracks as you, the occupant of the car, pedal along. The cars can carry 2 or 4 people. We took a 2 hour ride. There were 8 cars in our group. One by one we took off from the small station and began peddling our way to Enterprise a few miles away. We glided quietly and effortlessly along the tracks a few yards apart marveling at the deer and osprey we saw.

While on our trip we decided to FaceTime with friends to share the ride with them. Others did the same. Great way to take someone along. We eventually came to our stop on the outskirts of Enterprise. We all got out and each car was turned around for the ride back. We had a chance to stretch and relax. And then we got into our cars. And realized that the wonderful easy trip out was mostly downhill and now, you guessed it, we would have to pedal almost all uphill. Oh boy...

That same wonderful ride was now a bit more challenging. The sun had come out and it was warmer than before. And as we went the pedaling became slowly more difficult. But along we went pacing ourselves and hoping the folks behind us weren't wanting to go faster. The morning light had changed and things looked a bit different. We were getting a pretty good workout now. Slowly we made progress until at long last we spotted the station out ahead. What a welcome site!

It was a great unique adventure and lots of fun. If you are in the Joseph area and have a couple of hours to spend be sure to check out the rail riders. I promise your legs will be in great shape after you've completed your ride.



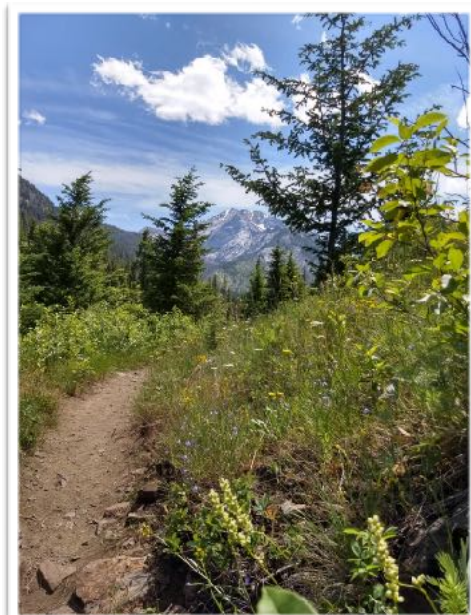
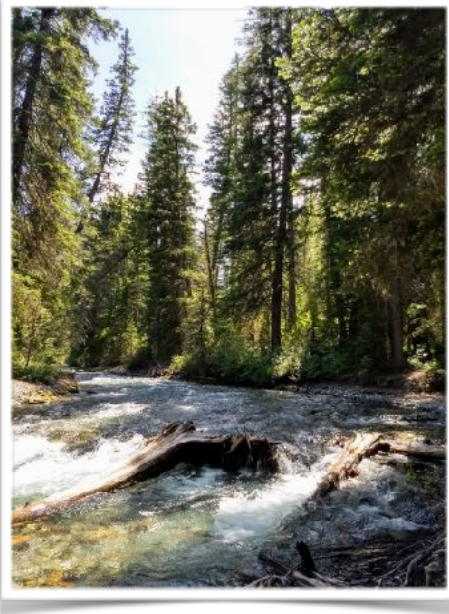


Hurricane Creek Trail Eagle Cap Wilderness

Joseph, Oregon with Brian and Judy Smith

A beautiful 19.1 mile trail out and back. That being said, we did about 6 miles out and back. Overall, the hike is rated as moderate because there are some switchbacks and climbing after about the 3 mile mark as well as more serious river crossings. As we traveled only 6 miles, we found the trail to be pleasant and fairly easy with a slight incline. The hike takes you through beautiful alpine meadows with several easy river/creek crossings. We enjoyed waterfalls and river views along the way. There were some very scenic waterside

spots to take breaks by, and the wild flowers were abundant (mid July). It was a moderately trafficked route, mainly families and backpackers. Dogs on leash are allowed. We took the hike during the afternoon heat but there was a fair amount of shade, and it turned out to be quite comfortable for a hot July day. We would highly recommend this hike even if you only have the time or energy for part of it.



Bend Gathering by Gayle McConnell

Plenty of sunshine greeted 7 Airstream and their owners. Although we couldn't do any of our planned group activities, folks found other activities to entertain themselves. Bend is an outdoor wonderland full of great activities. Mountain biking, Kayaking, hiking, floating on lakes, floating down the Deschutes River or just relaxing, kept folks occupied. Of course no gathering would complete without having Happy Hour each night! Despite having COVID-19 restrictions, we all seemed to have a good time.





Photo courtesy of Steve Holmes

Bastendorff Beach Gathering:

Great weather greeted almost twenty Airstreams to Bastendorff Beach the latter part of August. We were unable to share the traditional seafood extravaganza by the Holmes this year, but, were still able to meet old friends and greet new ones as well.

Several campers explored near by beaches along the Cape Arago highway as well as the

always beautiful Shore Acres State park. Nearby Coos Bay, Charleston and Bandon were visited by several.



Bill Hemphill & Marge Peavey
Carol & John Dion



Julie & Gary Derr



Steve & Tina Holmes



Courtesy Of John Dion

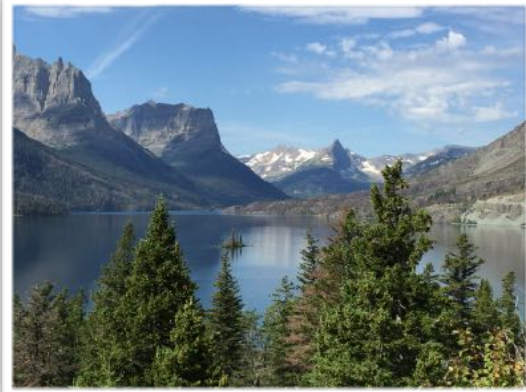
Baker City Area with Rhonda Levine and Judy Mitchell

If you are ever in the eastern part of Oregon near Baker City, there's a lot to like about the area. In July it can be pretty hot but there are often sweet breezes to keep you cool if you are among the shade trees. There are places locally to get ice cream and frozen yogurt. There's a public pool on the east edge of town. And it cools off in the evening so that sleep is lovely.

The area is the southern entrance to Hell's Canyon which borders Idaho. That means fishing, boating, rafting and jet boat tours. The Oregon Trail Interpretive Center is nearby where the Oregon Trail once offered passage west from the Midwest. You can play golf. Check out the Elkhorn Scenic Byway. See historic towns like Sumpter. Not far from downtown are the Baker City Museums which offer, among many wonderful displays, a small area dedicated to our very own Wally Byam. Definitely worth seeing!

When you're in the area consider staying at Mt. View RV. It's a large park with easy access from I-84 and it's close to town. The park is large with good-sized grassy sites. There's a store, a laundry, a spa and a swimming pool. You can walk nearby. The same family has owned the park since 1959. The park people are friendly, pleasant and helpful. Consider making this a place to stay and enjoy.

Enjoy Some Random Photos



Caravan in the Pacific Northwest



Two years ago, the BC Airstream Club asked if I could “assist” in organizing a caravan on the Olympic Peninsula. Somehow, “assist” became “lead”; I think I must have missed a meeting! The Long Beach International Kite Festival is held every year in August and that seemed like a good event to build a caravan around. Then February of 2020 came and the world took a deep breath and travel was put on hold. By April, a couple of people that had registered were in the high-risk group for COVID-19 and canceled. Then the border between the US and Canada closed. The intrepid Canadian members were confident it would reopen by August so I began researching how to camp safely while social distancing with guidelines for disinfecting. There went the pot lucks that were planned, the tours of the Olympia capitol, and deep-sea fishing on the coast. And then it got really

interesting as the Canadian border did NOT reopen and with less than two months to go, the BC members very sadly all had to cancel. July brought the official cancellation of the Long Beach International Kite Festival.



David and I attended the Remote and Elkton non-rally gatherings and I used that time to talk to Terri Warren about recommended safety protocols from the viewpoint of a health care provider, and several Oregon members said “sign us up!” In addition, caravan attendees included a couple from Northern California, two couples from Texas, and two

couples from Washington State.

The caravan started on the terraport at the Land Yacht Harbor in Olympia. The day everyone arrived, we hosted a seafood dinner with home grown oysters and clams. The following morning, we met at the Olympia Farmer’s market to pick up provisions and enjoy lunch from the take-out restaurants at the market. David and I then led a bike ride up to the beautiful Capitol grounds to finish off the morning and burn some of those calories. I had invited everyone back to our home for kayaking in the afternoon as temperatures in the 90s and the breezes from the sound keep our backyard cool. David entertained the non-kayakers on the patio while I took those who brought kayaks on a tour of Henderson Inlet. Next stop, Pacific Beach State Park and a temperature drop of about 30





degrees. Electric only hookups but everyone was prepared and agreed the spectacular beach setting was worth the sacrifice. David and I hosted a beach bonfire weiner roast with s'mores for dessert while we watched a beautiful sunset over the Pacific.

The following day, everyone went their own way with lots of exploring up to Kalaloch and Moclips with the historical lodge and famous "Tree of Life", Ocean Shores, and Lake Quinalt. After two nights there, we headed to the fishing village of Westport and the American Sunset campground.

Again, so much to do with wine and spirits tasting and lunch at the Westport Winery, Brady's Seafood Market for fresh crabs and oysters, the lighthouse, and the historical hotel and yummy bakery at Tokeland. The only rain on the trip was at Westport but the

Californians and Texans loved it! We headed from there to Long Beach and the Lamp Camp campground behind the dunes on the beach. We arrived to find that the kite flyers missed the memo that the kite festival was canceled. The sky was beautiful and filled with colorful and creative kites. After a quick stop on Friday morning at Sadie and Josie's Bakery to build stamina, several of us hit the Discovery Trail and rode bikes from Long Beach out to Cape Disappointment and the lighthouse. Others headed to the beach to watch the kites or walked around the Ilwaco Farmer's Market.

On Saturday, a number of us headed up to Nahcotta (nuh-caught-uh) which was the terminus for the [Clamshell Railroad](#), the only railroad that ran with the tides, and carried passengers and shipments of oysters from Willapa Bay to steamers headed for San Francisco during the late 1800s. A few miles north is the historical village of Oysterville. We checked out the charming restored homes and quaint church and lunched on the deck at Oysterville Farm overlooking the water. Saturday night, George Tucker hosted a wine tasting of the award-winning wines he makes with his partners and brought to share with the group and Bonfire Barbecue brought in a boxed barbecue dinner. Everyone slept well between the dinner, the wine, and the crashing ocean waves.

Sunday, off to Astoria and the famous Bow Picker boat for take out tuna and chips. "Some" of us may have indulged in frozen custard down the street while others went through Astoria's wonderful maritime museum just across the street. We meandered through the Astoria market enjoying all the sights and sounds.

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Editor Message

We'd like to announce the wonderful addition of 2 reporters for the Oregon newsletter. They are Kathy Geese and Florence Trameni. Both of them love to travel and are able to do that often... venturing to other states and countries. These women are interested in sharing their experiences with the rest of us and will include articles and photos in their submissions.

We are grateful to all of you who have added to the newsletter in the last year. Rhonda Levine has been the main reporter and is looking forward to giving our readers more than what one can do. Thanks to all of you who have been and are involved. We look forward to featuring any of you with stories and photos you wish to share.

It has been almost 10 months since Rhonda, Jeanean, and I agreed to start gathering material to inform and connect all of our members via a bi monthly newsletter. We had no idea how important this was going to be in a challenging Covid camping season. Since several of our rallies were canceled it seemed even more important to use the newsletter as a means to connect all of us. There have been so many who have supplied (or agreed to be interviewed for) articles and we are pleased and grateful for all of their efforts. We would like to say a huge thank you to the contributors in this issue.

A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL, for the articles, the recipes, the artwork, the photos, the safety tips, the rally updates, the membership updates, the willingness to participate thus far.

We know there are many more stories out there to tell. We want to hear from you about any story ideas you would like us to pursue. We are very interested in favorite campgrounds, photos of gatherings/rallies, recipes, safety tips, organizing tips....any thing about our Airstream community. Please contact any of our editors or reporters and let us know what you would like to see in an upcoming issue.

Announcements:

Kathy Geese, OAC member has agreed to put her name on the ballot for Region 10 2nd VP. Thanks for stepping up Kathy!

Our hearts go out to all of our Airstream family who have been impacted by the recent wildfires. We know many of you or your families have suffered extreme losses and have had to evacuate your homes or been on alert to do so. We are so thankful for all the firefighters and volunteers who have been working tirelessly to keep us all safe. Let us know if there is anything your Airstream family can do to help.

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